



Zoe Woods, Olivia Dryden & Stephanie Jaclyn. Photo by Olivia Power.

## NEW FELLOWSHIPS TAKE SA ARTISTS AROUND THE WORLD

**Three South Australian emerging artists will be heading overseas thanks to new Helpmann Academy Fellowships, supported by the James and Diana Ramsay Foundation.**

**Olivia Dryden** (Adelaide College of the Arts graduate) will spend three months in London establishing connections and networking opportunities to further develop her skills in taxidermy and jewellery making. Olivia will be attending numerous courses at the Flux Jewellery School, in addition to classes at 'A Field Guide' in Soho. During the last days of her time overseas, she will spend time exploring the rich history that London and Italy offer - with a particular focus on the Georgian and Victorian Eras that have influenced her art forms.

**Stephanie Norman** (Flinders University graduate) will spend three months in the United Kingdom undertaking a specially devised program to develop her skills as a writer/director. During this time, Stephanie will be studying two full time courses at the Metropolitan Film School in London; the first will be an intensive directing course and the second a 4-week full time screenwriting course. Simultaneously, she intends to work with the Australian Directors Guild and local production companies/producers to organise a series of work experience opportunities that will allow her to network internationally and gain hands-on practice on large-scale productions. Stephanie is also receiving mentoring from Helpmann Academy Patron, Scott Hicks.

**Zoe Woods** (University of South Australia graduate) will spend four weeks expanding her networks in the USA, including studying the collection at the Corning Museum of Glass and the Rakow Library in NYC, and undertaking 3 weeks of glass engraving workshops with Pavlina Cambalova. After returning to Australia Zoe will undertake a six-week residency at Canberra Glassworks, where she will incorporate her new skills and techniques and explore new facets of her work.

The Fellowships were formally presented at a special ceremony at Government House on Monday 10 April.

Jane MacFarlane, Helpmann Academy CEO, said that the future looked very bright for the selected artists.

"At a time when funding for the arts is sparse, we are so delighted to be able to offer this significant opportunity to these talented and dedicated South Australian artists. We have no doubt that the Fellowships will have a huge impact on their professional careers into the future."

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### Fellowships Background

The Helpmann Fellowships, valued at up to \$20,000 each, will be awarded in both 2017 and 2018. The Fellowships will fund projects of significance, supporting early career artists to realise their visions and build sustainable practices, shaping their future and empowering them to transform the cultural landscape. It is intended the Fellowships will enable artists to pursue professional development opportunities overseas or interstate.

The Helpmann Fellowships are made possible through a grant from The James and Diana Ramsay Foundation. The James and Diana Ramsay Foundation fosters excellence in the arts and is committed to supporting high quality arts programs to encourage a robust arts sector and increase its accessibility.

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**The Helpmann Academy** is the only organisation of its kind in Australia. We empower South Australia's best emerging artists to realise their visions and build sustainable practices. We provide professional development opportunities including grants and awards, mentorships, masterclasses, advisory services and international artist residencies, all tailored specifically for South Australia's higher education students, tertiary graduates and emerging artists.

The Helpmann Academy is a unique collaborative partnership, unifying the skills and resources of the state's universities and TAFE SA. Since 1994, the Helpmann Academy has empowered more than 6600 artists, promoting South Australia as a centre for excellence in creative education, and contributing to the artistic community of the state.

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